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Long-time City Secretary announces retirement

THE COLONY, Texas — The Colony City Secretary Christie Wilson is retiring from her post effective Friday, April 15, 2016.

Wilson has been employed with the city for 30 years and in that time has provided invaluable institutional experience for the staff and community she serves. Mayor Joe McCourry said she always gave her best.

“Christie has been a very loyal, trustworthy, and dependable employee of the city for more than three decades,” McCourry said. “She is a great example of dedication and hard work, and has been committed to giving her best not only to her job but also to this great community that she calls home.”

For her part, Wilson said she is grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the city and its residents.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to be a city employee. It has afforded me the opportunity for growth, development, and education in ways that I had never anticipated in the early days,” she said. “I hope in return my service to the city has been of value as well.”



Wilson began her career by working 15 years in The Colony Police Department, the first 10 as secretary for the chiefs of police before being transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division. In 1993, she was recognized by the Police Department as the Civilian Employee of the Year.

She was named Deputy City Secretary in 2001, then City Secretary in 2004 following the retirement of Patti Hicks. She earned her certification as a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk (TRMC) that first year and then the Master Municipal Clerk designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks in 2013.

During her 12 years in the post, Wilson has administered the Oath of Office to 14 different council members. Also in that time, the City Council appointed her to several committees, including: Charter Review; Census 2010; City's 35th Anniversary; City Council Redistricting; and, more recently, the Facilities Committee.

She has also coordinated several Red Cross blood drives for city employees, served 15 years on the city's Sick Leave Pool Committee, and was a member of the Employee Association Board for several years. Beyond the city limits, Wilson has served on several committees for the Texas Municipal Clerks Association and the TMCA Lone Star Chapter, where she was on the Executive Board as treasurer for two terms.

Wilson has seen a lot of changes over the years but her duty to the City Council and the community she serves has remained the same.

"I don't think I would've stuck around this long if I didn't enjoy it or didn't think I was providing a valuable service to the community," she said, in a [recent feature](#) on the city's blog about her office.

Wilson and her husband, Jim, have lived in The Colony for 35 years and have raised three children here. Now she expects to fully enjoy time together with them and her four grandchildren.

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